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By Jack Fitzpatrick

Today's Washington Brief

- President-elect Donald Trump has chosen Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.) to lead the Department of the Interior, according to sources. (Politico)
- The Department of Energy is refusing to comply with a request by the Trump transition team to name employees who attended climate change conferences. (Washington Examiner)
- Scientists have begun copying irreplaceable public data from the government on climate change, concerned the Trump administration might delete it. (The Washington Post)

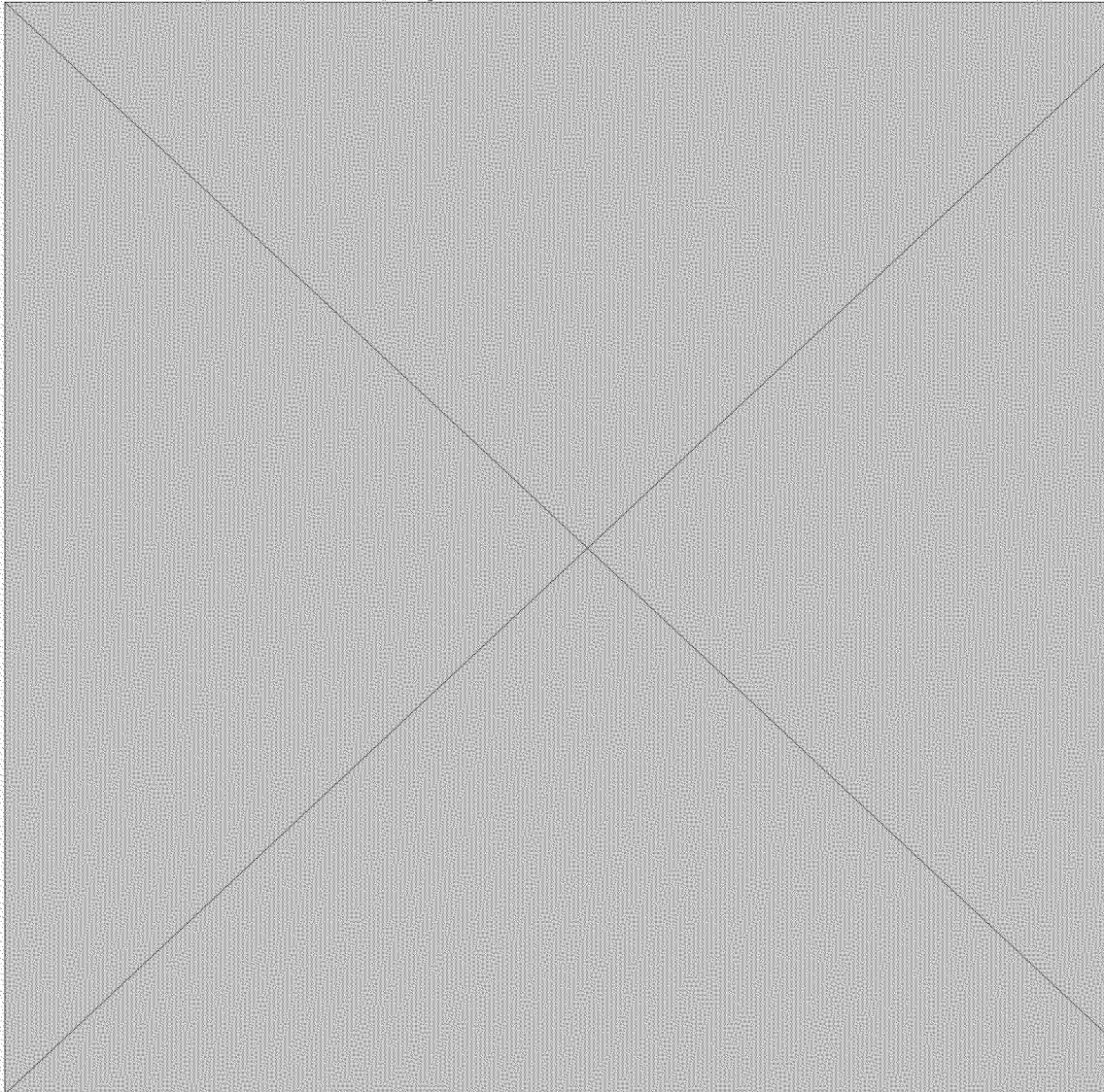
Today's Business Brief

- North Dakota officials estimate 176,000 gallons of crude oil have leaked from the Belle Fourche Pipeline in Billings County. (CNN)
- International inspectors are investigating a cover-up of manufacturing problem at a French supplier to nuclear power plants around the world. (The Wall Street Journal)
- Brent crude oil futures were down 58 cents to \$55.14 per barrel and West Texas Intermediate futures down 61 cents at \$52.37 a barrel after a rise in U.S. inventories. (Reuters)

Today's Chart Review

Arctic Report Card 2016

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



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Wednesday

No events scheduled

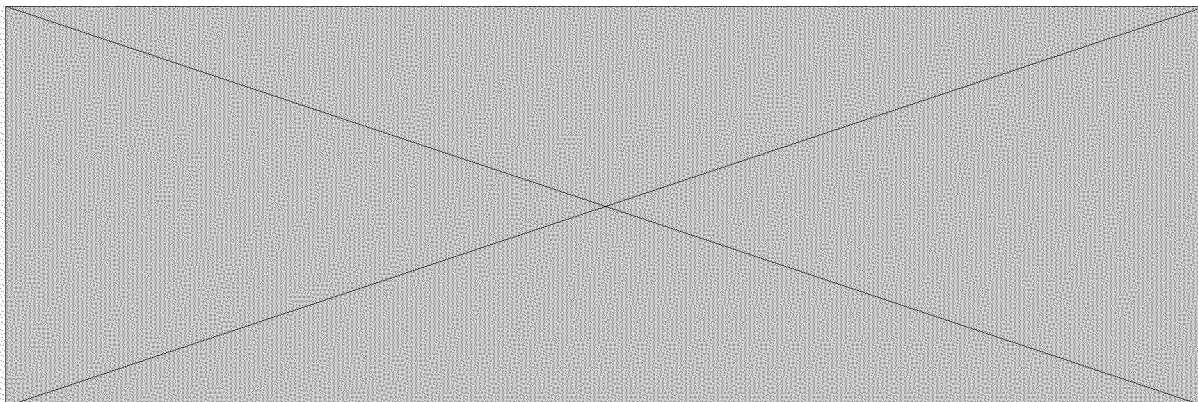
Thursday

Columbia University discussion with OPEC Secretary General
Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo

9:30
a.m.

Friday

No events scheduled



General

Trump selects Zinke as interior secretary

Kenneth P. Vogel and Maggie Severns, Politico

President-elect Donald Trump has offered the interior secretary position to Montana's freshman Rep. Ryan Zinke, an ex-Navy Seal commander, according to two transition officials and someone familiar with the offer. The sources said Zinke has yet to accept and has given no indication as to which way he is leaning.

Energy Department rejects Trump's request for names of employees going to climate meetings

John Siciliano, Washington Examiner

The Department of Energy said Tuesday it is refusing to cooperate with a Trump transition team request that it hand over all names of employees who have participated in international climate change conferences. "We will not be providing any individual names to the transition team," Energy Department spokesman Eben Burnham-Snyder said in a statement sent to the Washington Examiner.

Rick Perry's energy legacy is more complicated than you think

Jim Malewitz and Kiah Collier, Texas Tribune

Former Gov. Rick Perry left a nuanced energy legacy - including overseeing booms in fossil fuels and renewables - during his time in Austin. (Texas is now the No. 1 U.S. producer of both natural gas and wind energy.)

White House takes a swipe at Perry for energy secretary

Gabby Morrongiello, Washington Examiner

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said he worried that Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who is expected to be nominated for Secretary of Energy by President-elect Trump, might reveal an effort to target some of the career civil servants, and said he hoped Trump would base his judgments on merit and not on politics.

Stocks Fall, Bonds Rise as Caution Prevails Before Fed Meeting **Richard Frost and Kelly Gilblome, Bloomberg News**

Caution pervaded markets before the Federal Reserve's expected interest-rate hike later Wednesday, with European stocks slipping from an 11-month high and government bonds advancing. U.S. stockpiles increased.

Oil & Natural Gas

In U-turn, EPA says fracking carries less threat to drinking water **Amanda Paulson, Christian Science Monitor**

When the Environmental Protection Agency released its draft report in 2015 on the safety of hydraulic fracturing, it was seized on one sentence as proof that fracking is safe: a conclusion that the process has no national "widespread, systemic impact" on drinking water. On Tuesday, the EPA released its final report on fracking and drinking water - a 1,200-page behemoth that was five years in the making - and that sentence was removed.

After Alaska flop, Shell's search for gas moves closer to home **Ron Bousso, Reuters**

In the waters off Malaysia, Royal Dutch Shell (RDSA.L) is finding gas quickly and cheaply to replenish depleting reserves. Only a few years ago geologists had lost hope of discovering any new gas. The Anglo-Dutch group is combining the latest technology with a team of industry veterans to unlock new oil and gas deposits where it operates, usually within 20 km (12 miles) of existing platforms.

Utilities & Infrastructure

Pipeline 150 miles from Dakota tests leaks 176,000 gallons **Chandrika Narayan, CNN**

A spill has occurred 150 miles from Bismarck, North Dakota, where protesters have fought construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. State officials estimate 4,200 barrels of oil, or 176,000 gallons, have leaked from the Belle Fourche Pipeline in Sully County.

Amid Kentucky Derby outcry, bill to keep co-op's meetings in state **Claire Bessette, The Day**

Proposed legislation by state Sen. John G. Thompson and three other local legislators would require all retreats hosted by the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy cooperative to be held in the state and include a list of participants with names listed in advance at a public meeting and include a list of participants with names listed in advance at a public meeting related to the utility co-op. Sen. Thompson, D-Sprague, announced the legislation for transparency and accountability for CMEEC and Municipal Utilities during a morning standing outside Norwich City Hall.

Inspector, with hammer and drill, checks 16,000 utility poles one by one **Jessica Rendall, Columbia Missourian**

Ben Lee is a utility inspector from Columbia, Mo. He is the family company, Lee Inspection, was hired by the city to inspect approximately 16,000 utility poles installed before the 1980s.

Renewables

Sunshine strip: Solar road panels to power homes **Fox News**

A road covered in a layer of thin solar panels that can help power homes and offices is to be built in the UK next year. The quarter-inch photovoltaic material can be glued on top of a traditional road surface and is tough enough to withstand lorries driving over it, according to the engineers behind the scheme.

Warren County wind farm approved **Emma Ea Ambrose, Lafayette Journal-Courier**

Around 180 people turned out Monday night at a West Lebanon, Indiana, high school to see whether the Board of Commissioners would approve an exemption to allow construction of the West Lebanon Wind Farm. The measure

passed in a 3-2 vote, allowing development plans for the farm to move forward.

Coal

Peabody Bondholders Tout Donald Trump's Plan to Roll Back Emission Rules

Jonathan Randles, The Wall Street Journal

President-elect Donald Trump's plan to roll back the Obama administration's signature proposal for reducing greenhouse gas emissions will be a boon to creditors of Peabody Energy Corp., one of the nation's largest coal miners. To bondholders who want a say in the coal miner's debt restructuring, the plan is a lifeline.

Trump energy team: heavy on oil and gas, lighter on coal

Mark Trumbull, Christian Science Monitor

So far, the cabinet picks of Donald Trump have sent a pretty unequivocal signal in support of fossil fuels, but with an important nuance: The emphasis looks to be more on oil and natural gas than on coal. The cabinet picks, by themselves, don't mean the nation's retrenching energy industry will get a cold shoulder when Mr. Trump takes office in January.

In Ohio Coal Country, Job Prospects Dim With Neither Coal Nor Trump's Promises

NPR News

The path of the Ohio River snakes through the heart of Pittsburgh and forms the border between Ohio and West Virginia. In the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains rise along its banks, and in the heart of Appalachian soil lie the natural resources that have sustained the region's economy: coal - and now, natural gas.

Nuclear

Coverup at French Nuclear Supplier Under Global Review

Matthew Dalton et al., The Wall Street Journal

Inspectors from the U.S. and other countries are investigating a decadeslong coverup of manufacturing problems at a French supplier to the nuclear power industry.

industry, probing whether flaws in the French factory represent a safety threat to reactors world-wide. Inspectors from the U.S., China and four other nations visited Areva SA's Le Mans facility in central France earlier this month to examine the plant's quality control and comb through its internal records.

Climate

Scientists are frantically copying climate data, fearing it might vanish under Trump
Brady Dennis, The Washington Post

Alarmed that decades of crucial climate data could vanish under a hostile Trump administration, scientists have begun a feverish attempt to copy reams of government data onto independent servers in hopes of safeguarding it from any political interference. They will include a "guerrilla archiving" event in Toronto, where experts will copy available public data, meetings at the University of Pennsylvania focused on downloading as much federal data as possible in the coming weeks, and the formation of scientists and database experts who are compiling a website to harbor scientific information.

Opinions, Editorials & Commentaries

Permanently Protect the Arctic and Atlantic for our Children and Future Generations
Chris Carson, Morning Consult

The Obama administration's recent decision to keep offshore oil drilling out of publicly-owned portions of the U.S. Atlantic oceans for the next five years was the right choice. There is no place for Arctic or Atlantic drilling in a climate-safe, clean energy future.

Will Rick Perry Be the Energy Department's Undoing?
The Editorial Board, The New York Times

President-elect Donald Trump has chosen several people to lead federal departments who are hostile to the environmental agencies. On Tuesday, he went a step further by choosing Rick Warren, the former Texas governor, to head

the Department of Energy, an agency he wants to eliminate. During a televised debate, Mr. Perry said he wanted to abolish the department but struggled to come up with its name.

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Saudi Arabia engineers big shift in oil market sentiment **John Kemp, Reuters**

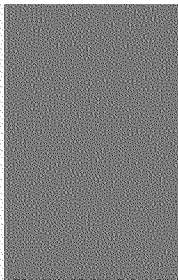
Saudi Arabia has transformed sentiment in the oil market by assembling an unprecedented coalition of oil producing countries to agree output cuts in 2017. Saudi officials have obtained pledges from OPEC members to cut production by almost 1.2 million barrels per day and from non-OPEC members by an extra 560,000 bpd during the first half of 2017.

Research Reports, Issue Briefs & Case Studies

Arctic Report Card 2016 **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

Arctic air temperatures continue to warm, doubling the rate of the global temperature increase. The average surface air temperature anomaly (+2.0° C relative to the 1981-2010 average) over land north of 60° N between October 2015 and September 2016 was the highest in the observational record beginning in 1900.

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